

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 453

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Oakland High School upon its receipt of the Excellence in Action award for its mechatronics program.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly pay tribute to those educational institutions that, through the natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence evidenced by their administration, faculty, staff, and students, have earned national accolades; and

WHEREAS, Oakland High School in Rutherford County is one such exemplary institution, whose mechatronics program recently received the Excellence in Action award from Advance CTE, which recognizes the best Career Technical Education (CTE) programs of study across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Oakland's mechatronics program was one of eleven programs selected for this distinguished award based on its track record of providing clear pathways into college and careers, rigorous academic and technical coursework, strong partnerships with industry leaders, and impactful work-based learning experiences that offer opportunities for career exploration and subject-matter mastery; and

WHEREAS, Oakland High School Assistant Principal John Marshall and Tyra Pilgrim, CTE Coordinator for Rutherford County Schools, accepted the prestigious honor at an award luncheon held in Washington, D.C., on May 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Oakland High School received the award in the Manufacturing Career Cluster from Advance CTE in recognition of its commitment to preparing students in a high-demand sector through real-world, hands-on experiences with nationally recognized credential attainment opportunities and dual enrollment offerings. Last year, all students in the program

graduated from high school, and nearly all students earned an industry-recognized credential and enrolled in postsecondary education; and

WHEREAS, Oakland High School's receipt of this distinguished award is a tremendous source of pride for the school's administration, teachers, students, parents, and community; and

WHEREAS, the dedication to academic excellence demonstrated by all the fine individuals affiliated with Oakland High School is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we congratulate Oakland High School upon its receipt of the Excellence in Action award for its mechatronics program from Advance CTE, salute the school's administration, faculty, staff, and students on this prestigious award, and extend to them our best wishes for much continued success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.